(ख) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार इस बात से अवगत है कि महाराष्ट्र राज्य के विदर्भ और मराठवाडा क्षेत्र आर्थिक दृष्टि से सबसे पिछड़े हुए क्षेत्र हैं और यदि हां, तो इन क्षेत्रों के आर्थिक विकास के लिये सरकार ने क्या योजना बनाई है ;

(घ) क्या यह सच है कि महाराष्ट्र सरकार ने दो साल पहले केन्द्रीय सरकार का संविधान की धारा 371 (2) के अंतर्गत राज्य विकास बोर्ड के गठन के लिये अपनी कोई सिफारिश भेजी थी ; और यदि हां, तो क्या उस पर कोई निर्णय लिया जा चुका है ; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है ?

योजना मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुख राम) : (क) योजना आयोग में ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

(ख) राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र के भीतर पिछड़े क्षेत्रों का विकास संबंधित राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र का उत्तरदायित्व है, इसलिए पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र के लिए उच्चाधिकार प्राप्त समिति के पैट्रन पर किसी समिति का गठन करने का प्रश्न उत्पन्न नहीं होता ।

(ग) विदर्भ और मराठवाडा-महाराष्ट्र राज्य के अपेक्षाकृत पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में है । राज्य सरकार ने अपने सातवीं योजनाओं में इन क्षेत्रों के लिए सड़कों के विकास, सिंचाई, ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण, सामान्य और तकनीकी शिक्षा, श्रम और श्रमिक कल्याण, स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं, जल आपूर्ति, भूमि विकास और भू-संरक्षण और पशु चिकित्सा सेवाओं के कार्यक्रम शामिल किए हैं ।

(घ) और (ङ) जी, हां । राज्य सरकार के परामर्श से इस मामले में कार्रवाई की जा रही है ।

Conversation in Hindi with foreign dignitaries

*353. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR.

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be ples-sed to state:

(a) whether it is a 'fact that recently the diplomats, Ministers and Ministerial delegations have been directed to converse in Hindi with foreign dignitaries abroad, to project there a proper image of India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Indian delegates at UNO have also been directed to use Hindi in UNO for the same rea sons; and

(c) if so, whether the same directive be applicable in conversation with foreign dignitaries in India?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH); (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A circular letter was sent to all Missions requesting them to advisejpersuads members of Indian delegations going abroad to make use of Hindi, to the extant considered practical and expedient, during: discussions with their counterparts. Ministry of External Affairs will provide facilities for interpretation. These instructions^ will apply, to the extent practical and expedient w'hen foreign dignitaries visit India. These guidelines are purely advisory.

Counterfeit coins in Delbi

*354. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a gang making counterfeit Coins of Rupees 100 denomination, has been unearthed in Delhi recently; and

(b) the details of action taken against the persons who were found responsible in this regard and whether any arrests have been made?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A case under section 243 IPC has been registered at the Police Station Kalkaji and 2 pwsons have been arrested.

Criteria for telecasting of Hindi feature films

*355. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI; Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state what criteria have been laid down for telecasting Hindi feature films on the-Doordarshan for the first time, as well as for the second time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): Hindi feature films for telecast on Doordarshan are selected on the basis of the (Following broad criteria:

<a) International/National/State Awards won;

(b) Thematic Value; '(c)

Cinematic Value;

(d) Entertainment Value;

(e) Yea$_r$ of Production;

<f) Number of times the film was shown on TV and by which Kendra; and

(g) Suitability for family viewing.

Normally feature films are not re-telecast on Doordarshan. However, Doordarshan may re-telecast films of high artistic and entertainment value after a period of three years has lapsed since their first telecast.

Warning by Punjab PoHce regarding attack on General Vaidya

356. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA; .....

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: .....

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention hag been drawn to a report appearing in 'India Today' of 31st August, 1986 to the effect that Punjab Police had warned the Central Government at least four times about an attack on General Vaidya and other key officers involved in Operation Blue Star;

(b) if so, what action $_w$as taken each time when the warning was received; and

(c) whether Mrs. Vaidya has described the security arrangements for General Vaidya as inadquate and careless?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH); (a) and (b) Government have seen the report. No such information was furnished by the Government of Punjab.

(c) Government have seen reports to this effect in some newspapers.

Catchment areas covered by Social Forestry in Meghalaya

*357. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state;

(a) what are the names of the catchment areas in Meghalaya where comprehensive soil conservation measures had been taken up during the Sixth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) what are the names of aforestation areas covered by Social Forestry in Megna, laya during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRON-MENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) and (b) The information is given in statement I any II. *(See* below). The Social Forestry Programme generally covered the entire state during the Sixth Five Year plan period.